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A PAGE FROM THE PAST

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is the second and last installment of a most interesting letter written by J. Hatten Carpenter to Charles W. Rogers of Elmhurst ward. In the first installment, Elder Carpenter related the chain of events which led him, son an English Congregational minister, from his home in England, to Australia, New Zealand, and thence to California and Utah; en route and on the ocean he was converted to Mormonism, and was baptized in Salt Lake City. Elder Carpenter took as his text Jeremiah, 3:14: "And I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion." He now tells of the conversion of his brother, George, which he cites as one instance of literal fulfillment of this prophecy, since they were brothers but were born in different cities.*)

It had been agreed, as before stated, that when I settled down in Australia George should come out and join me, but as subsequent events happened this was not to be, for the location had changed to Utah.

In those days Utah and the Mormons had an unsavory reputation. When my mother and relatives were informed by me that thus I had disgraced the family name by joining them, my compact with George was made null and void, and I knew nothing of him or his whereabouts. But other forces were at work and it was not until 1892, while on my mission to Samoa, that I at last got word from him, and above all other places, from South Africa, among the Boers. Now another narrative begins. The Lord had gathered one of the family to Zion, and the other one was to follow. Could we have been scattered more completely? I to Australia, and George to South Africa—one of a city, and two of a family; and nothing could stop George, the second one from gathering to Zion.

It seems our mother had given him some 6 or 7 hundred dollars and he had gone out to South Africa to try his luck at farming and ostrich raising. A drought had set in, his crops failed, his ostriches died, and he was left stranded. Then in his extremity he thought of his pact with his brother Joe, and the spirit worked on him to write to my wife at Manti for her aid. He had an old address of mine in Salt Lake, the home of Marion Ross Pratt, a wife of Apostle Orson Pratt, who had been a foster mother to me from my first arrival in Salt Lake City. He addressed the letter to her to forward to my wife. It contained news to the effect that he he had agreed to join me when I left England; that he was stranded in South Africa, if she would send him $100.00 he would come out to Utah and join us, for we were attached to each other, and he desired to fulfill his pact with me.

I may state that my wife's father was John Alder, one of the first members to join the Church in Canton Appenzell, Switzerland; and her mother was Matilda Sophia Schramm,

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HIGH COUNCIL MEETS MARCH 16th

The monthly social-study gathering of the members of the High Council and their wives will be held at the Delbert F. Wright home at 8 p. m., Thursday evening, March 16th.

OF IMPORTANCE TO TEMPLE PILGRIMS

Remember the date—April 1; and the place —Arizona Temple.

Transportation: Report to your ward chairman at once, and inform him whether you will travel by train, bus, or auto.

Recommends: Arrange for an interview with your bishop without delay, and obtain official sanction to be a member of the happy group.

Records: Examine your records, making sure that they are ready for ordinance work. Remember, that all names must receive the Index Bureau okay before they can be accepted by the Temple authorities for baptismal and endowment ordinances.

Clothing: If you possess Temple clothing or can borrow a set, be sure to include it with your baggage.

Inquire of your local committee for detailed information; you will find them very cooperative.

GEORGE E. SOUTHGATE,
Temple Chairman.

GREEN AND GOLD BALL

If you want glamour, romance, thrills and fun, we'll see you at the Green and Gold Ball on March 10th! It will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple. The contestants for queen are:

Alameda—Marione Christensen.
Berkeley—Grace Richards.
Claremont—Jane Lourie.
Dimond—Marjorie Briggs.
Elmhurst—Maxine Holder.
Hayward—Leslie Kimball.
Martinez—Bettie Nott.
Oakland—Aloha Hamilton.
Richmond—Lilethe Jean Tidwell.
Vallejo—Norma Hill.

The ring bearer will be Julia Cain, and the two flower girls, Gaye Dawn Hughes and Louanne Wright.

A special coronation ceremony is under the direction of Mrs. Maybelle Anderson. Each person attending the dance will receive one vote for the queen, who will be elected on a percentage basis.

ETHEL L. MAUSS TO BE HEARD IN RECITAL

Mrs. Ethel L. Mauss, vocalist, will be heard in a delightful program Wednesday evening, March 8th, at 8 p. m. at the Chapel of the Chimes. Florence MacGregor, concert pianist, will assist. The program, too long to be published here, will contain numbers from Schubert, Ponchielli, Ganz, Mozart, Mendelssohn and others.

All lovers of good music are cordially invited to attend.

COMING EVENTS

March 3 — Stake Genealogical Society Dance, Oakland chapel.
March 6—Alameda Ward Reunion.
March 10—Green and Gold Ball, Scottish Rite Temple.
March 17—Relief Society Party.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, PRIMARIES IN CONVENTION

Quarterly Conference Is Highly Successful

The first quarterly conference for 1939, combined with the annual Sunday School, Primary conventions, took place at the Oakland chapel, February 25 and 26. Visitors representing the general authorities were George D. Pyper, General Superintendent of Sunday Schools; William E. Berrett of the Sunday School General Board, and Sisters Gertrude P. Smith and Ebba P. Larson of the General Board of the Primary Association.

The first session, held Saturday evening, was the priesthood session, and was the largest attended session in recent years. The special feature of the evening were the moving pictures of the Holy Land and Egypt in color by Dr. Lafayette P. Monson of Berkeley ward. The Aaronic priesthood quorums of Hayward ward provided the music and were followed by President Hilton in a short historical review of the Holy Land and its significance to Latter-day Saints. He thereupon introduced Dr. Monson who has recently returned from a round-the-world trip which included Palestine. Dr. Monson preceded his films with a short sketch of present-day conditions in the Holy Land, describing vividly his experiences in the region over which Jews and Arabs are fighting. His films were then shown, depicting in beautiful color most of the spots made sacred by history. The excellence of his travelogue may be judged from the fact that he has been in demand for appearances before clubs, societies and churches all over the Bay area.

Sunday morning witnessed the general session of conference. Four young missionaries, Gail Cragun, Merlin Stoker, Marcel Lauper and Delow Rowe, gave brief but impressive talks. One had filled a mission to Brazil, one to the north central states and Canada, one to Denmark and one to Britain.

President Clyde J. Summerhays thereupon spoke upon the importance of cooperation. Last night, he said, we saw colored pictures of the great pyramids of Egypt, made possible through the enforced cooperation of a hundred thousand slaves to build the tombs for dead kings. He contrasted this with the cooperative ventures of today which made possible the Grand Coulee Dam, which would supply light, energy, power for life. Such is the function of the Church auxiliaries, to light, energy, power, through cooperation. Teaching, he said, becomes an art

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OAKLAND WINS STAKE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Oakland ward M Men won the Stake championship, and last week competed in a district tournament to decide a winner to represent the California Stakes and the Mission in the Church finals in Salt Lake City. The All-Stake basketball team, chosen by the team members of the local ward teams, as announced at the M Men-Gleaners' banquet, included the following: Jack Shields and Dello Dayton, forwards; Earl Margetts, unanimous choice for the center position; Gail Cragin and John Wilkins, guards.

The tournament this year was very interesting and close, with the winner still undecided until the final games of the season.

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Sincerely your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
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Dimond: Grant Ellis, Nathan G. Tolman.
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Hayward: W. Glenn Harmon.
Martinez: Eugene Hilton.
Oakland: I. B. Ball, Hugh P. Anderson.
Richmond: Ralph S. Barneyy, William E. Potts.
Vallejo: Victor C. Lundblad, Frank J. Parsons.

CHANGE IN CLAREMONT WARD BISHOPRIC

On February 19th Authur J. Burdett was chosen as second counselor to Bishop Reed Chase of the Claremont ward, succeeding Elder Richard Owens, who has moved away. Elder Burdett was born in Ogden September 23, 1884, the son of William Burdett and Eliza Jackson. He served two years in the Eastern States mission, 17 months laboring in West Virginia and the balance of the time in the mission office in New York City.

In 1909 he was married in the Salt Lake Temple to Elizabeth den Hartog. He has been a resident of Oakland since 1932, at which time he was transferred from Ogden with the accounting department of the Southern Pacific Company. While in the Oakland ward he labored as president of the First Quorum of Elders, also clerk of the Oakland ward.

L. D. S. EXHIBIT AT FAIR

The Church exhibit on Treasure Island has been drawing capacity crowds since the opening to the public. The "tabernacle" (an exact reproduction to scale, seating about fifty), has been filled time after time, as rapidly as the program of music and talks could be repeated. President MacDonald of the California mission was here to assist at the opening, together with Presidents Hilton and Winter. The latter is in immediate charge of arrangements, assisted by some four full time missionaries and several part time missionaries from San Francisco and Oakland Stakes.

The Utah exhibit is likewise drawing a lot of attention. In addition to reproductions of various scenic attractions, there is a scale model of the entire Temple Block.

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE MARCH, 1939

Temple Marriage

And verily I say unto you, that the conditions of this law are these: All covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows . . . or expectations, that are not made and entered into and sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, of him who is anointed, both as well for time and for all eternity, and that too most holy, by revelation and commandment through the medium of mine anointed, whom I have appointed on the earth to hold this power . . . are of no efficacy, virtue, or force in and after the resurrection from the dead; for all contracts that are not made unto this end have an end when men are dead—Doctrine and Covenants 132:7.

Marriage, as regarded by the Latter-day Saints, is ordained of God and is designed to be an eternal relationship of the sexes. With this people it is not merely a temporal contract to be of effect on earth during the mortal existence of the parties, but a solemn agreement which is to extend beyond the grave.—The Articles of Faith, by James E. Talmage.

Every member of the Church who contemplates marriage should understand fully what is involved in a decision to marry outside the temple. It is the duty of the Ward Teachers to teach this principle to the people. With the approach of June, the month of many marriages, young people are now making plans. This is an appropriate time to discuss this vital question.

This is also an appropriate time to discuss sealings with those who, in the past, have been married outside the temple but who are worthy of having the sealing ordinance performed for them. Those who are worthy should be encouraged to take advantage of the privilege still offered them. Those who are not worthy should be given every encouragement to prepare themselves for this great blessing.

In the homes of those who have been married in the temple a discussion of the blessings and benefits of this privilege will doubtless prove beneficial. The desirability of so living that nothing will be permitted to endanger or nullify the blessings attending temple marriage is the principal message suggested to be left in these homes.

References: Articles of Faith, by Talmage, pages 442-447; A Rational Theology, by Widtsoe, pages 146-149; Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 132.

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from near Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. They came to Utah in the early 1860s. Money was not plentiful in those days. However, I had left $50.00 in the Bank for my wife when I went on my mission, and she borrowed $50.00 from her father. So she went to the postmaster and purchased a postoffice order for $100.00 and sent it to George. About 2 weeks after sending the letter a notice came back from New York to the postmaster, returning the order, that he had not made out properly in some particular. In the meantime, the duplicate had been mailed to George. In those days there was a service from England to South Africa only every 6 weeks. The consequence was that through the bungling of the postmaster in Manti, George received the letter with the duplicate of the order, but on presenting it for payment at the paying office they had no original, and would not pay until it arrived, which meant a delay of another 6 weeks. George did not feel like paying board for another 6 weeks waiting for the original order to come, so he sold the duplicate at a discount, and found he had only enough money to take him to England. He arrived at Southampton in due course, and surprised his mother by his arrival. When he stated his case, they would hear nothing of it. She had lost one son, who had disgraced the family name by joining the Mormons, and she would not stand for another doing the same.

For some 3 or 4 months George took up a labor with his relatives, uncles and aunts and brothers, but in vain. However, mother finally relented, as George was so insistent that had had to fill his pact, and his promise to my wife. He finally obtained passage month to Utah, and arrived in Manti in November, 1892. And coming from the green fields of old England, the contrast was by no means a pleasant one. But George had a destiny to fulfill here, and as you entered into his life you know how well he fulfilled it.

George was tried in those days in poverty, as I had been. He was baptized in the Jordan River by Elder Elward J. Wood, now the President of the Cardston Temple, an old missionary companion of mine in Samoa, who looked after George while I was in Samoa. He was baptized in September, 1893, a few days after I returned home to Manti. George was a born journalist; he worked on the Deseret *News* staff as a reporter for some years, and subsequently became city editor. He finally left that position to accept one in the movies under Mr. Marcus, for whom he managed the Paramount and Capitol theatres for some years until these theatres were bought out by another company. Then George went to California to live with his family, and subsequently passed away November 26, 1932, in Los Angeles, where his remains were interred. You first became acquainted with him, I believe, in the city of London, when he was filling a mission there for the Church he had joined. Also from our conversation I gathered you had met him from time to time in Salt Lake to cement the friendship begun in the misison field in London.

It is remarkable, my meeting with you and your sister, Mrs. Jacob Tueller, who was so intimately connected with my brother at the Paramount Theatre, only last week; and our conversation together going over old scenes, into which so many people entered, with whom we were mutually acquainted over 40 years ago, both in New Zealand and in Salt Lake City. The outcome of which is the above narrative, and is in accordance with your request to me. And as I look upon our 2 lives, we have unconsciously fulfilled the statement of Jeremiah the prophet, made centuries ago.

I am certainly glad to have made your acquaintance, and to hear your eulogistic remarks and testimony of the virtues of my departed brother George, who was an honorable man if ever there was one. Peace to his memory.

With kind regards I remain sincerely yours,
J. HATTEN CARPENTER.

GLEANERS-M MEN ENJOY DINNER-DANCE

Over 150 atetnded the annual M Men-Gleaners' banquet and dance, held February 24, in the Berkeley ward chapel. Matromy was the theme of the evening and was introduced by Ralph Lauper, master of ceremonies, who called for a toast from Clifton Boyack, Roy Minson and Ted Quinn, representing the M Men. These were responded to by Dorothy Brown, representing the Gleaners.

At the conclusion of the dinner the newly elected M Men officers for 1939-40 were introduced and a presidential gavel presented to Dexter Larson, president-elect. Merlin Stoker, vice-president; Vao Cheney, secretary; Carl Wachter, athletic chairman, with Roy Minson and Jack Shields as assistants, complete the set of new officers. Charles Stamps, acting as spokesman for the group, presented Ralph Lauper with a gavel which he was to take to his brother, Denis, who is on a mission at the present time. Ralph will be leaving soon for a misison to Denmark and will meet Dennis there. Denis was Stake M Men president three years ago and started the gavel-giving program.

After the dinner the Gleaners, under the direction of President Jane Lowry, presented a short musical program in the chapel. Dancing was also enjoyed in the recreation hall to the music of Merilyn Merle and her Pirateers.

WARD NEWS

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The Abigail Jane Daley Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met at the home of Pamelia Bassett, February 24th. Mrs. Bassett is our oldest member and can remember early days in Utah; even when the saints evacuated Salt Lake City when Johnson's Army invaded it.

The ward is preparing a party for Ralph Lauper on April 7th. He is going to his mother's native country, Denmark, on a misison. Dennis Lauper, Ralph's older brother, is in France, and when his mission is completed he will visit Ralph before returning home.

Visitors in our midst for the Exposition are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lau of Idaho, parents of Mrs. Ruphus E. Phelps; B. Renolds, brother of Mrs. Walter Eddington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry George of Utah are at the Irene Briggs home for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher of Idaho are having an extended visit at the Frank Ellsworth home.

The Gleaner girls held their annual comradery night at the home of their leader, Effie Gibbs, on February 28th. Laura Johnson, Stake leader, attended. Musical background was furnished by Francell Evans Larson of Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gilbert of Bancroft, Idaho, are visiting the Treasure Island Fair. Mr. Gilbert is president of Bannock Stake.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Rigby are also here to visit friends and see the Fair.

Mrs. Ray H. Fisher is expected home from South America this month. She has spent some months in Chile visiting her daughter, Margaret, who was recently married there, while working as secretary and interpreter in the American Embassy.

The Lewis F. Boyle family are leaving for an extended motor trip through the states.

Dr. Glen Darius and family visited the Clyde Curtiss family in Placerville, and report many good wishes for Oaklanders from the Curtiss'es.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzpatrick met at the Weindorf home, February 11th, to wish bon voyage to Mrs. Fitzpatrick's mother, Mrs. Julia Burguet, from Belgium. Mrs. Burguet will stop over in Salt Lake City on her way to Belgium via New York, where the former misisonaries and members of the French and Belgium mission will give a reception in her honor.

The Genealogical Society met at the home of the chairman, A. E. Fitzpatrick, February 24th, for a business meeting and social hour.

Frank B. Ellsworth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Ellsworth, left for New Brunswick, N. J., February 22nd. He will be gone two months. On his return he will be connected with Johnson & Johnson Drug Company of San Francisco.

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Richmond: Ralph S. Barneyy, William E. Potts.
Vallejo: Victor C. Lundblad, Frank J. Parsons.

CHANGE IN CLAREMONT WARD BISHOPRIC

On February 19th Authur J. Burdett was chosen as second counselor to Bishop Reed Chase of the Claremont ward, succeeding Elder Richard Owens, who has moved away. Elder Burdett was born in Ogden September 23, 1884, the son of William Burdett and Eliza Jackson. He served two years in the Eastern States mission, 17 months laboring in West Virginia and the balance of the time in the mission office in New York City.

In 1909 he was married in the Salt Lake Temple to Elizabeth den Hartog. He has been a resident of Oakland since 1932, at which time he was transferred from Ogden with the accounting department of the Southern Pacific Company. While in the Oakland ward he labored as president of the First Quorum of Elders, also clerk of the Oakland ward.

L. D. S. EXHIBIT AT FAIR

The Church exhibit on Treasure Island has been drawing capacity crowds since the opening to the public. The "tabernacle" (an exact reproduction to scale, seating about fifty), has been filled time after time, as rapidly as the program of music and talks could be repeated. President MacDonald of the California mission was here to assist at the opening, together with Presidents Hilton and Winter. The latter is in immediate charge of arrangements, assisted by some four full time missionaries and several part time missionaries from San Francisco and Oakland Stakes.

The Utah exhibit is likewise drawing a lot of attention. In addition to reproductions of various scenic attractions, there is a scale model of the entire Temple Block.

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE
MARCH, 1939
Temple Marriage

And verily I say unto you, that the conditions of this law are these: All covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows . . . or expectations, that are not made and entered into and sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, of him who is anointed, both as well for time and for all eternity, and that too most holy, by revelation and commandment through the medium of mine anointed, whom I have appointed on the earth to hold this power . . . are of no efficacy, virtue, or force in and after the resurrection from the dead; for all contracts that are not made unto this end have an end when men are dead—Doctrine and Covenants 132:7.

Marriage, as regarded by the Latter-day Saints, is ordained of God and is designed to be an eternal relationship of the sexes. With this people it is not merely a temporal contract to be of effect on earth during the mortal existence of the parties, but a solemn agreement which is to extend beyond the grave.—The Articles of Faith, by James E. Talmage.

Every member of the Church who contemplates marriage should understand fully what is involved in a decision to marry outside the temple. It is the duty of the Ward Teachers to teach this principle to the people. With the approach of June, the month of many marriages, young people are now making plans. This is an appropriate time to discuss this vital question.

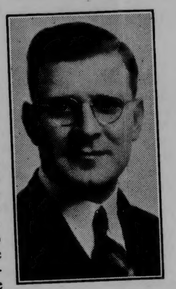
This is also an appropriate time to discuss sealings with those who, in the past, have been married outside the temple but who are worthy of having the sealing ordinance performed for them. Those who are worthy should be encouraged to take advantage of the privilege still offered them. Those who are not worthy should be given every encouragement to prepare themselves for this great blessing.

In the homes of those who have been married in the temple a discussion of the blessings and benefits of this privilege will doubtless prove beneficial. The desirability of so living that nothing will be permitted to endanger or nullify the blessings attending temple marriage is the principal message suggested to be left in these homes.

References: Articles of Faith, by Talmage, pages 442-447; A Rational Theology, by Widtsoe, pages 146-149; Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 132.

STIRRAT RECEIVES RECOGNITION

John C. Stirrat of Oakland ward has been signally honored at the hands of Governor Culbert L. Olson, who recently appointed him as manager of the state compensation insurance fund. This is one of the most important positions in the state government, and places Stirrat in very close touch with the governor and his inner cabinet. Besides supervising a large office personnel and managing medical examination and treatment of persons injured in industry who are insured in the state fund, the manager is in immediate charge of the handling and investing of some $17,000,000.00. California was one of the first states in the Union to provide for workmen's compensation and most other states who have similar laws are following the California model. Stirrat's work will therefore bring him in close contact with industrial conditions throughout the nation. His main office will be in San Francisco, with auxiliary offices in Sacramento and Los Angeles.



Merit recognized

Elder Stirrat is a graduate of George Washington University Law School of Washington, D. C., and has been engaged in general practice in Oakland since 1928. He served several terms as president of Alameda County Apartment House Owners' Association, and has been its general counsel for a number of years. He has been active in the Church also, serving for a time in the Oakland ward bishopric, following which he was in the Stake superintendency of the M. I. A. He was released from this position to become president of the High Priests' Quorum, which position he still holds. He also served some two years as Stake superintendent of Sunday Schools.

Since his new appointment he has been besieged with applicants for jobs. However, the entire personnel is under civil service and before anyone can be considered, he has to obtain a civil service rating.

OAKLAND AMONG LEADERS IN ERA DRIVE

Thanks to the efforts of Lee Pitchforth and Naomi Laycock, *Era* directors, and their assistants throughout the wards, Oakland Stake stands fourth in the Church in Group A, in number of subscriptions, and sixteenth in percentage of quota. Total subscriptions to February 1st were 309, which is 103.6% of the assigned quota.

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A PAGE FROM THE PAST

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from near Stuttgart, Wurtemberg. They came to Utah in the early 1860s. Money was not plentiful in those days. However, I had left $50.00 in the Bank for my wfe when I went on my mission, and she borrowed $50.00 from her father. So she went to the postmaster and purchased a postoffice order for $100.00 and sent it to George. About 2 weeks after sending the letter a notice came back from New York to the postmaster, returning the order, that he had not made out properly in some particular. In the meantime, the duplicate had been mailed to George. In those days there was a service from England to South Africa only every 6 weeks. The consequence was that through the bungling of the postmaster in Manti, George received the letter with the duplicate of the order, but on presenting it for payment at the paying office they had no original, and would not pay until it arrived, which meant a delay of another 6 weeks. George did not feel like paying board for another 6 weeks waiting for the original order to come, so he sold the duplicate at a discount, and found he had only enough money to take him to England. He arrived at Southampton in due course, and surprised his mother by his arrival. When he stated his case, they would hear nothing of it. She had lost one son, who had disgraced the family name by joining the Mormons, and she would not stand for another doing the same.

For some 3 or 4 months George took up a labor with his relatives, uncles and aunts and brothers, but in vain. However, mother finally relented, as George was so insistent that had had to fill his pact, and his promise to my wife. He finally obtained passage month to Utah, and arrived in Manti in November, 1892. And coming from the green fields of old England, the contrast was by no means a pleasant one. But George had a destiny to fulfill here, and as you entered into his life you know how well he fulfilled it.

George was tried in those days in poverty, as I had been. He was baptized in the Jordan River by Elder Elward J. Wood, now the President of the Cardston Temple, an old missionary companion of mine in Samoa, who looked after George while I was in Samoa. He was baptized in September, 1893, a few days after I returned home to Manti. George was a born journalist; he worked on the Deseret *News* staff as a reporter for some years, and subsequently became city editor. He finally left that position to accept one in the movies under Mr. Marcus, for whom he managed the Paramount and Capitol theatres for some years until these theatres were bought out by another company. Then George went to California to live with his family, and subsequently passed away November 26, 1932, in Los Angeles, where his remains were interred. You first became acquainted with him, I believe, in the city of London, when he was filling a mission there for the Church he had joined. Also from our conversation I gathered you had met him from time to time in Salt Lake to cement the friendship begun in the misison field in London.

It is remarkable, my meeting with you and your sister, Mrs. Jacob Tueller, who was so intimately connected with my brother at the Paramount Theatre, only last week; and our conversation together going over old scenes, into which so many people entered, with whom we were mutually acquainted over 40 years ago, both in New Zealand and in Salt Lake City. The outcome of which is the above narrative, and is in accordance with your request to me. And as I look upon our 2 lives, we have unconsciously fulfilled the statement of Jeremiah the prophet, made centuries ago.

I am certainly glad to have made your acquaintance, and to hear your eulogistic remarks and testimony of the virtues of my departed brother George, who was an honorable man if ever there was one. Peace to his memory.

With kind regards I remain sincerely yours,
J. HATTEN CARPENTER.

GLEANERS-M MEN ENJOY DINNER-DANCE

Over 150 atetnded the annual M Men-Gleaners' banquet and dance, held February 24, in the Berkeley ward chapel. Matromy was the theme of the evening and was introduced by Ralph Lauper, master of ceremonies, who called for a toast from Clifton Boyack, Roy Minson and Ted Quinn, representing the M Men. These were responded to by Dorothy Brown, representing the Gleaners.

At the conclusion of the dinner the newly elected M Men officers for 1939-40 were introduced and a presidential gavel presented to Dexter Larson, president-elect. Merlin Stoker, vice-president; Vao Cheney, secretary; Carl Wachter, athletic chairman, with Roy Minson and Jack Shields as assistants, complete the set of new officers. Charles Stamps, acting as spokesman for the group, presented Ralph Lauper with a gavel which he was to take to his brother, Denis, who is on a mission at the present time. Ralph will be leaving soon for a misison to Denmark and will meet Dennis there. Denis was Stake M Men president three years ago and started the gavel-giving program.

After the dinner the Gleaners, under the direction of President Jane Lowry, presented a short musical program in the chapel. Dancing was also enjoyed in the recreation hall to the music of Merilyn Merle and her Pirateers.

WARD NEWS

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The Abigail Jane Daley Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met at the home of Pamelia Bassett, February 24th. Mrs. Bassett is our oldest member and can remember early days in Utah; even when the saints evacuated Salt Lake City when Johnson's Army invaded it.

The ward is preparing a party for Ralph Lauper on April 7th. He is going to his mother's native country, Denmark, on a misison. Dennis Lauper, Ralph's older brother, is in France, and when his mission is completed he will visit Ralph before returning home.

Visitors in our midst for the Exposition are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lau of Idaho, parents of Mrs. Ruphus E. Phelps; B. Renolds, brother of Mrs. Walter Eddington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry George of Utah are at the Irene Briggs home for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher of Idaho are having an extended visit at the Frank Ellsworth home.

The Gleaner girls held their annual comradery night at the home of their leader, Effie Gibbs, on February 28th. Laura Johnson, Stake leader, attended. Musical background was furnished by Francell Evans Larson of Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gilbert of Bancroft, Idaho, are visiting the Treasure Island Fair. Mr. Gilbert is president of Bannock Stake.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Rigby are also here to visit friends and see the Fair.

Mrs. Ray H. Fisher is expected home from South America this month. She has spent some months in Chile visiting her daughter, Margaret, who was recently married there, while working as secretary and interpreter in the American Embassy.

The Lewis F. Boyle family are leaving for an extended motor trip through the states.

Dr. Glen Darius and family visited the Clyde Curtiss family in Placerville, and report many good wishes for Oaklanders from the Curtiss'es.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzpatrick met at the Weindorf home, February 11th, to wish bon voyage to Mrs. Fitzpatrick's mother, Mrs. Julia Burguet, from Belgium. Mrs. Burguet will stop over in Salt Lake City on her way to Belgium via New York, where the former misisonaries and members of the French and Belgium mission will give a reception in her honor.

The Genealogical Society met at the home of the chairman, A. E. Fitzpatrick, February 24th, for a business meeting and social hour.

Frank B. Ellsworth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Ellsworth, left for New Brunswick, N. J., February 22nd. He will be gone two months. On his return he will be connected with Johnson & Johnson Drug Company of San Francisco.

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Diamond rings are popular in Dimond. Joe Terry presented one to Arleen Mariette; Reed Schow decided Lucille Morgan should have one, and Glen Terry gave one to Lillian Bloom.

A surprise kitchen shower was given for Lucille Morgan on February 21st by the Y. W. M. I. A. officers and teachers. Her engagement has been recently announced.

Forty-seven Relief Society members visited the Chapel of the Chimes February 23rd.

The Gleaner Girls and M Men sponsored a dancing party, February 14th. Our queen for the Green and Gold Ball, Miss Marjorie Briggs, was Queen of Hearts. Everyone came in children's costume.

Our Y. M. M. I. A. president, Joe Johnson, has been confined to his home, quite ill.

Beulah Watts, a former member of our Stake, motored up to attend the M Men and Gleaner Girl banquet, February 24th, at Berkeley.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

The Genealogical Society of the Oakland ward are visiting the different homes every fourth Monday of the month, doing research work.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Banks, born January 16, 1939, passed away February 4th. All ward members join in offering condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Banks.

Mrs. Briand Sheffield, from Glendale, has been visiting Mrs. Mary Jones and Ruth Wilson for several days.

Mary Ann Lindeloff has just returned home on the *Lurline* from the Islands, where she has been ice skating for four and one-half months She is planning on going east in April, where she will skate at the New York Fair.

A ward reunion was held in our ward, February 22nd, on Washington's Birthday. A dinner was served to 250. After the dinner a program was presented by the choir, followed by a dance. There were about 300 at the dance. Everyone present had a very enjoyable evening.

The Book of Mormon class, under the direction of Ralph Barney and Edward Ogden, spent a very pleasant evening, Wednesday, February 15th, listening to the records portraying the beginning of the History of the Book of Mormon, in story form. Six records were played, after which refreshments were served.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda

The Relief Society's plan of holding their meetings at the home of the members is meeting with success. The four meetings alternate each Tuesday as follows: Teacher's Topic and Theology, at the home of Mrs. Annie Horman; Health and Work Day, Mrs. Lorene Powell; Literary, Mrs. Amelia Everett; Social Service, Mrs. Elnora Jensen.

Mrs. Ann Tuttle, for several years a counselor in Society, has been released, due to ill health and Mrs. Emma Targhetta sustained in her place.

The Mutuals had a Valentine party in place of their regular meeting on Monday, February 13th. Valentines were exchanged and refreshments served and an excellent program given.

The Boy Scouts celebrated their anniversary with a good live program at the Mutual Sunday evening session, February 5th. Talks by the boys and musical numbers assisted by the Troop committee and a talk by Bishop Jensen comprised the program.

Mrs. Vivian Schaefer has added Mrs. Lorene Powell as secretary and Mrs. Elnora Jensen as chorister to the Primary staff.

The Primary gave the children a Valentine party at the hall on Monday, February 13th. Georgie Pinckney was guest of honor. It was his birthday.

The Primary conducted a tour of the Chapel of the Chimes on January 31st. Forty-three enjoyed the lecture and program for which the management paid 25 cents each. They have plans under way for a cake sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Crandall made a week-end trip to Reno.

Mrs. Rhea Shanks of Salt Lake City is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Willie Bridge.

We are happy to welcome back into the ward the Clare Hunts, the Greer Wiltons and Roy Minson. Mr. and Mrs. William McRae, who have been members of the ward but living in Oakland, have moved here.

New members are Miss Thelma Young of Tucson, Arizona, who has just returned from the Belgium mission, and Miss Edna Huish of Salt Lake City.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

The Valentine Ball, given on February 14th, was a big success. Everyone had a grand and glorious time.

Miss Lilith Tidwell has been chosen as queen to reign over Richmond ward this season. She will represent this ward at the Stake Green and Gold Ball on March 10th.

Mr. Victor C. Lindblad and Mr. Ralph S. Barney were speakers at sacrament meeting, February 19th.

Miss Va Lois Gill of Sacramento was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell.

Mrs. Wallace Anderson has just returned from a birthday anniversary celebration of her father in Salt Lake City.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

Boy Scout Week was celebrated in Berkeley by a meeting Sunday evening, February 12th, under the supervision of Troop 8 and its Scoutmaster, Dr. Ray L. Knight. Victor Lindblad was the principal speaker. At the conclusion of the meeting, a plaque in the form of a first class badge, was presented to Bishop A. D. Erickson by Dr. Knight "in appreciation of your sponsorship." This year marks the tenth year of scouting in Berkeley ward.

Berkeley ward members were given a real treat on February 14th when the M. I. A. play, "White Collars," was presented. Marjorie Larson, Clifton Boyack and Bob Johnson put on fine performances in the leading roles. Other members of the cast were Kathryn Bear, Edward Caine, Newell Call, Betty June Cummings, Roy Minson, and Anna Lea Lloyd. Roy Minson was ably assisted in directing the play by Marjorie Cummings. Mrs. D. W. Cummings gave much helpful criticism and coaching.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brunt, and Mr. and Mrs. George Brunt, of Idaho Falls, have been spending the last few weeks in Berkeley to see the opening of the World's Fair on Treasure Island. Mr. Smith and Mr. Joseph Brunt are members of the presidency of the North Idaho Falls Stake.

Geraldine Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Young, has made known her engagement to John Sharp of Salt Lake. The wedding, a home affair, will take place on March 5th. W. Aird McDonald, former president of Oakland Stake, will perform the ceremony.

The Berkeley Gleaner Girls held a comraderie on February 21st at the home of the ward Gleaner leader, Mrs. Clara P. Clausen. An impressive ceremony took place, after which pins were presented to the girls by Mrs. Laura Johnson, Stake Gleaner leader.

The Berkeley Camp, No. 1, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Edward Johnson, 900 Spruce Street, Berkeley, March 20. At the meeting the annual election of officers will take place. All registered members are urged to be present.

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PITTSBURG

Services Held in American Legion Hall on E Street

On January 23rd a shower was given for Mildred Gibbs, first counselor of the Relief Society, all members being invited. A very pleasant time was spent and many useful and beautiful gifts were presented. Games were played and delightful refreshments served.

A change in the organization of the Relief Society is reported. Mrs. Ana Mae Barras was sustained as president and Mrs. Emma Hinckley and Mrs. Naomi Nelson as first and second counselors.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of Oakland ward visited the Sunday school on February 12th. Mr. Elliott was the speaker at meeting. Mr. L. Larson was also a welcome visitor on this date.

A new reporter for THE MESSENGER is reported. Mrs. Violet Knight was released with a vote of thanks.

Relief Society meetings will be held in the future in the small room of the Legion Hall. We hope this change will be more convenient than the homes of members, being a central place to meet.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Profitable as well as pleasureable has been the outcome of the tri-ward parties of Elmhurst, Hayward and Alameda. The last one was held at Hayward, February 11th.

Hayward's new choir, under the direction of Brother Harold Wiseman, sang at an investigator's meeting in Sunol, Thursday, February 16th. The meeting was conducted by the Stake missionaries, Ross MacClellan, Earl Judd and Leonard Chister. A capacity house was entertained.

The M Men and Gleaner Girls entertained the Mutual at a Valentine party, Tuesday, February 14th.

Hayward's queen for the Green and Gold Ball is Leslie Kimball. The ward is backing her one hundred per cent.

VALLEJO WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Sacramento and York Streets

Tuesday evening, February 7th, the Beehive Girls of the Mutual presented a delightful 3-act play entitled "The Christmas Shadow," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Vallejo elected the queen Tuesday, February 7th. Miss Norma Hill will represent Vallejo ward at the Green and Gold Ball in Oakland.

After their regular monthly report meeting, the officers and teachers of the Sunday school and the Bishopric and wives. entertained Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Okey at a delightful surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parley Bernards in Napa, February 11th. Mr. Okey, a member of the Sunday School Superintendency and Mrs. Okey, assistant secretary of the Sunday school, were married January 1st, in Reno.

Primary teachers' training meeting was held at the home of Mary Eckberg, February 9th, with fourteen officers and teachers present. A party was enjoyed after the business meeting.

The Mutual Valentine party and dance, held Tuesday, February 14th, was a delightful affair. The Primary also enjoyed a Valentine party Tuesday afternoon with a lovely program.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brown, Dimond, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jahn Ochs, Dimond, a son, February 15.
To Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lowry, Claremont, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice MacFadden, Hayward, a son, February 23.

BLESSINGS:

Thomas David Hopkins, son of Bishop and Mrs. A. L. Hopkins, Richmond, February 5.
Audrey Cleo Deridoni, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Deridoni, Richmond, February 5.
Sharon Christine Larsen, Claremont.
Edward Marlowe Jepsen, Berkeley, February 4.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

William Robert Lenfesty, Berkeley, February 4.
Martha L. Mayhew, Oakland.
Joanne Melson, Oakland.

ORDINATIONS:

James A. Barry, Vallejo, Deacon.
Richard Maurer, Berkeley, January 28, Teacher.
James Osborne, Berkeley, January 28, Teacher.
Ray Soelburg, Berkeley, January 28, Teacher.
Charles Hill, Berkeley, January 28, Deacon.
Paul Oran, Claremont, Priest.
Bobby Ray, Hayward, Deacon.
Ray Lewis, Hayward, Elder.
Archie J. Inger, Hayward, High Priest.
Colin C. Fain, Oakland, Teacher.

DEATHS:

Mr. Niels C. Olsen, father of Mrs. Val Ney, Richmond.
Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Banks, Oakland, February 4.

Under the direction of the Relief Society presidency, Vallejo members enjoyed a delightful program Sunday evening, February 12th. We were favored with the presence of Anna Ellsworth and Ruth Hilton of the Relief Society Stake presidency, who were the speakers for the evening.

We were very happy to have as our speakers for Sunday evening, February 19th, Patriarch I. B. Ball and Stake Clerk Hugh P. Andersen. Mr. Andersen's mother accompanied her son to Vallejo.

Primary officers and teachers are happy over the response they received in their Birthday Penny Drive. This year was more successful than ever before.

Vallejo ward will soon be located in a new home and we feel this move is for the best. With everyone willing to do their bit, we hope in the near future we will be able to call this our own.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at Wilkins Hall, 2412 Haste Street, Berkeley

Mrs. Zina B. Cannon of Salt Lake City, has been visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Telford, from Idaho Falls, are here for the Fair, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. Telford.

The M. I. A. play, "White Collars," was presented Wednesday evening, March 1st, at the Berkeley chapel. Maurine Carr and Harold Gaisford were cast in the leading roles, with a well chosen cast in supporting roles.

Virginia Barrett and Don Wood, Jr., were elected king and queen of the Valentine dance we had February 14th.

The Building Committee has been functioning and announces that bigger and better parties are coming up, and hope we'll all look for them. Let's help support all of their ideas.

A surprise entertainment is being planned for April 1st. Ward members should keep this date open.

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